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SUBJ: FONSEC RABASA COMMENTS ON PRESIDENTIAL MEETING,
OTHER TOPICS

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA ARRIVED IN MEXICO OCTOBER 17
FOLLOWING A TRIP TO FIVE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND RETURN VIA
NEW YORK. IN CONVERSATION WITH REPORTERS HE MADE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS.

2. ON PRESIDENTIAL MEETING: THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE ON A
BASIS OF ABSOLUTE EQUALITY AND
CORDIALITY (CHARACTERIZED BY
RABASA AS "THEE AND THOU" TALK). HE NOTED THAT THERE IS AN
OPEN AGENDA BUT TOPICS CERTAIN TO ARISE INCLUDE THE CHARTER
OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, MIGRATORY WORKERS,
COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND POSSIBLY PETROLEUM. RABASA EMPHASIZED
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UPCOMING MEETING AND POINTED OUT THAT
THIS WILL BE PRESIDENT FORD'S FIRST MEETING WITH A HEAD OF
STATE ABROAD.

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3. ON MIGRATORY WORKERS (ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS): RABASA MENTIONED THE RESOLUTION RECENTLY SUBMITTED BY MEXICO IN THE UN ON THIS SUBJECT, STATING THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED IN COMMITTEE BY A VOTE OF 77 IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, AND FOUR ABSTENTIONS.

4. ON PETROLEUM: IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, RABASA INDICATED THAT THE SUBJECT OF PETROLEUM MIGHT BE DISCUSSED BY THE PRESIDENTS. HE DENIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY PRESSURE BY THE USG ON THIS SUBJECT AND ADDED: "IT MUST BE STATED IN A CATEGORICAL AND DEFINITE FASHION: THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO DOES NOT ACCEPT PRESSURES FROM ANY STATE OR ANY HEAD OF STATE, OF WHATEVER IDEOLOGICAL NATURE OR WHATEVER DEGREE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT".

5. ASKED ABOUT "INDEMNIFICATION" FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY SALINITY IN THE MEXICALI VALLEY AREA, RABASA STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH HIS COLLEAGUE, HYDRAULIC RESOURCES SECRETARY ROVIROSA WADE "TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT OUR POSITION IS".
COMMENT: RABASA'S REPLY WAS SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ARTICLE 7 OF MINUTE 242 WHICH RESOLVED SALINITY ISSUE DISCUSSED IN CAREFULLY RESTRICTED TERMS U.S. SUPPORT FOR REHABILITATION EFFORTS IN MEXICALI VALLEY. GOM, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD, WOULD PREPARE SPECIFIC PLANS AND PROPOSALS THIS SUBJECT, BUT EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THIS PLANNING (BASICALLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES SECRETARIAT) HAS BEEN DONE. U.S. SUPPORT CONTEMPLATED BY ARTICLE 7 IS NOT "INDEMNIFICATION" FOR DAMAGES, AND RABASA RECOGNIZED THIS FACT DURING SALINITY NEGOTIATIONS, BUT HE COMMENTED AT TIME THAT MEXICAN PRESS AND PUBLIC WOULD INTERPRET THE ARTICLE AS RELATING TO PAYMENT OF DAMAGES.

6. ON CHARTER: RABASA SAID THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S POSSIBLE APPEARANCE AT THE UNGA WOULD DEPEND UPON DEVELOPMENTS (CONCERNING THE CHARTER) NEXT MONTH. HE ADDED: "WE WILL NOT CAPITULATE ON THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER, AND IF SOME COUNTRY ATTEMPTS TO POSTPONE (IT) FOR A YEAR, MEXICO WILL CATEGORICALLY OPPOSE THIS, AND IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED, WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO ADOPT A CHARTER OF THE THIRD WORLD".
COMMENT: THIS POSITION ON CHARTER ECHOES COMMENTS MADE BY FONSEC OFFICIAL GONZALEZ GALVEZ ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

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